

# QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

SPRING 2010

## CNC EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE — CONSTRUCTION PHASE IN 2010

**T**he project to expand Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) is scheduled to get underway this summer, with construction beginning in June and lasting through summer 2011. During the construction phase, all CNC staff, services and programs will

be temporarily relocated to interim housing located in the CNC parking lot, right next to the building. All CNC programs and services are expected to continue to serve the community without disruption. The CNC gym will also be open during the construction phase without any disruption to programming.



The expansion project will add an additional 3,500 square feet to the existing facility and double the number of offices for social services; double the number of exam rooms from two to four to increase the community health clinic's capacity to serve the health needs of residents; add a large conference room that may be used as a classroom for adult/parenting education or community meetings; and add a fitness room that will be used by both the Columbia Middle School students and the community.

The Sunnyvale School District is the project lead on the expansion project. In 2008, City Council approved an agreement between the City and Sunnyvale School District to expand the Columbia Neighborhood Center. The cost of the expansion is estimated at \$3 million, divided equally between the two parties with each responsible for \$1.5 million.

The City would fund its share through Community Block Grant (CDBG) allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ☺

## SUNNYVALE WORKS! NAMED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Sunnyvale Works!, the innovative capital improvements acceleration and stimulus program, has been named PublicCEO's Public Works Project of the Year. In making the award, PublicCEO publisher James Spencer stated "Sunnyvale Works! earned the honor by PublicCEO not only for the work accomplished thus far but more significantly because it has demonstrated how to accelerate capital improvement projects on a scale not possible until now."

The recognition comes at a time when Sunnyvale's program has crested \$100 million in projects since City Manager Gary Luebbbers launched the program in April 2009. Construction projects have been awarded, on average, 32 percent below original engineers' estimates, saving the City tens of millions of dollars. To date, the City has been awarded \$32 million in grants to further offset the construction costs.

Sunnyvale Works! has already completed \$2.7 million in projects, with another \$44 million either underway or in preparation for the bidding process.

The City's program has accelerated capital improvement projects that normally would be phased over the next half-dozen years into a design and bidding process that, in some cases, has only taken a matter of weeks. With the creation of so many construction projects, jobs have been created, which is an economic stimulus. To further help the Sunnyvale economy, Sunnyvale Works created a local merchant coupon book to encourage Sunnyvale Works! construction crews to shop locally. Coupon books have been distributed to every worker on Sunnyvale Works! projects.

Some of the more significant Sunnyvale Works! projects include completion of a \$1.2 million repair to the Wolfe Road Bridge spanning the Caltrain tracks; a \$3.2 million utilities and streetscape project on Murphy Avenue, which is now underway; and

\$1.5 million in building roof and HVAC work. At this time, Sunnyvale Works! is involved in \$12.7 million in Water Pollution Control Plant projects, \$3.6 million in water and sewer utilities work and \$27.3 million in street and sidewalk projects.

When Luebbbers launched Sunnyvale Works!, it was labeled as a \$60 million local stimulus program. The total has now grown to more than \$100 million, with no end in sight. The program's success will ensure it will continue to accelerate capital improvement projects, with a savings to the City, for some time to come.

For more information on Sunnyvale Works!, visit [SunnyvaleWorks.inSunnyvale.com](http://SunnyvaleWorks.inSunnyvale.com) on the Web, or call the City's Communications Office at (408) 730-7535. To see the PublicCEO story on the Public Works Project of the Year award, visit [www.PublicCEO.com](http://www.PublicCEO.com).

## CENSUS 2010: STAND UP, BE COUNTED! CENSUS DAY — APRIL 1, 2010

**T**he Census officially counts every person living in the United States once every ten years. Many of Santa Clara County's diverse communities are often undercounted, including children, renters, non-English speaking residents, minorities, immigrants, the elderly, displaced homeowners, those living in high-density housing and the homeless.

### It's Important

Every year more than \$300 billion in federal funds are awarded to states and cities based on census data. An accurate count will make a

difference to the City of Sunnyvale. Census data guide local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals and schools.

### It's Easy

In 2010, every household will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

### It's Safe

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's

responses to anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Answers are protected and your identity is safe.

**Need help completing the form? Call toll-free: (866) 872-6868**

The City of Sunnyvale provides Questionnaire Assistance Centers at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, and at the Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave. For more information about the 2010 Census, visit [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census). ☺



## CITY OF SUNNYVALE Spring 2010

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# THE BRIEFING

## NOTES FROM YOUR CITY MANAGER

**T**he rainy season is ending and Sunnyvale is starting to enjoy warmer spring weather. With the change in seasons, you can see more of our community members emerging to enjoy Sunnyvale at its best.

When I moved here 18 months ago, I was struck by all the City has to offer. As your city manager, I can assure you that every member of our City staff takes pride in maintaining the City, our superior quality of life and in seeing our residents enjoying our facilities.

Spring is traditionally the time for rebirth, and while we do not have to suffer the bitter winters of the rest of the country, the ending rain and warming skies do provide an invitation for us to get out and about.

There is so much to do in and around Sunnyvale. Whether you want to work in your garden, go bird watching, visit the Farmers Market or have a family outing to one of our many parks, the choices are up to you. We are starting our busiest seasons for special events in the City, ranging from block parties that bring neighbors together, to the Mayor's State of the City Celebration, which brings the entire City together.

Part of our job, as your City staff, is to ensure there are places to go and things to do in Sunnyvale. Our Library has just reopened following a two-week closure during which time new improvements were installed to assist check out and return materials. Those improvements have been sorely needed, since, on average, 721 items are checked out every hour the Library is open, ranking it busiest in the state in terms of hourly checkouts. In addition, we have created a new technology center in the library, and more computers for public use were installed.

Through our Department of Community Services, thousands of our residents utilize our parks for picnics and other activities, as well as attending classes in everything from dog manners to pottery, to theater, to cooking, to trips to foreign lands.

We strive to make it as easy as possible for you to take part in activities that interest you. Recreational programs offer opportunities to have fun, socialize and participate in healthy activities. They can also help reduce stress and anxiety.

Dr. Oz, the TV show host, has declared Sunnyvale the "Happiest City in America." Why are we the happiest? There are many reasons, but I think a lot of it boils down to the quality of life we enjoy here. Our residents enjoy living here. We are consistently rated as one of the safest cities in the nation for cities of our size, and we also consistently maintain one of the lowest rates of all crimes in the county.

But our quality of life is not determined solely by reading and recreation. It has a lot to do with

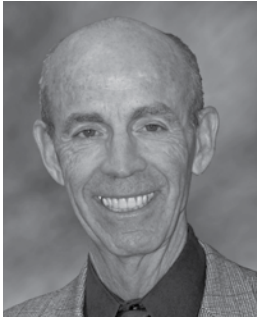
how the City is operated and what that brings to our residents. During these tough economic times, one

of the reasons we have been able to sustain many of our services to the community is our unique 20-year budgeting process. While that does not cure the economy for us, it does allow us a bit more flexibility.

One of the most outstanding examples of that flexibility is

our *Sunnyvale Works!* program. Recently named

Public Works Project of the Year by PublicCEO, this program has enabled us to get capital improvement projects, things like bridge and road repair, moved up by a matter of years, benefitting our community. And because of the economic climate, we have been able to work on these projects with savings on average more than 30 percent below our expected costs. What we thought would be a \$60



City Manager  
Gary Luebbbers

million program now has more than \$100 million in projects moving forward.

Community efforts have seen Sunnyvale designated as Tree City, USA. Our efforts to expand bike trails through the City, including two new bicycle and pedestrian overpasses spanning U.S. 101 and SR 237, have earned us the label "Bike Friendly City." There is so much that contributes to our quality of life in Sunnyvale. I personally invite all of you to come out and enjoy our City and everything it has to offer.

### In the next edition of Quarterly Report...

Even as the ongoing effects of the economic downturn stretch our ability to maintain our service levels, we are creating new, better and more efficient ways of doing business. In the summer edition of *Quarterly Report*, I'll discuss the state of our city's finances and the immediate and long-term impacts of shrinking resources.

## NOVA PROVIDES RECORD NUMBER OF SERVICES TO UNEMPLOYED



**T**he economic downturn has affected nearly everyone in one way or another. For NOVA, the City's Department of Employment Development, the 2009 fiscal year (July through June) resulted in a record number of employment services to Sunnyvale residents. In June 2009, Sunnyvale had an estimated 7,700 unemployed residents and an unemployment rate of 10.2 percent. Comparing the current numbers against where we were in 2001, we see a whopping 127 percent increase in the city's unemployed population — a clear reminder of the impact of the recession on our community.

Over the past year, NOVA services have increased to accommodate the rising number of job seekers in need from throughout the seven-city region that NOVA serves, which consists of Cupertino, Los Altos, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Santa Clara, as well as Sunnyvale. Looking just at Sunnyvale data, a total of 30,682 services were

provided to more than 2,400 City residents. NOVA's youth program provided skill-building workshops to an additional 978 local youth and NOVA's business services team provided onsite pre-layoff assistance to 26 Sunnyvale companies, assisting the more than 3,100 workers affected by these mass layoffs.

To help illustrate the changing dynamics of the region, NOVA recently released its biannual Report to *Consortium Cities*, which provides local information and details the spectrum

of NOVA services that were utilized by residents and businesses of each city. The Sunnyvale report can be found online at [www.novaworks.org/lmi/](http://www.novaworks.org/lmi/) along with the other six city-specific documents.

NOVA services are available at no cost to the general public and can be accessed online at [www.novaworks.org](http://www.novaworks.org) or in person, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the CONNECT! Job Seeker Center located at 420 S. Pastoria Ave., across the parking lot from the Sunnyvale Public Library. ☺





# PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

Come to the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) open house, Saturday, May 8, to just what DPS does, and how they do it. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Sunnyvale DPS plays an unusual role; the department is one of only a handful in the nation that combines police, fire and emergency medical services into one agency. Public safety officers are qualified as both police officers and firefighters, and

over the course of their career they typically spend time in both police cars and fire engines. Sunnyvale DPS is located at 700 All America Way, across the street from Sunnyvale Public Library. VTA Bus Lines 54 and 22 serve the area. 🌳

# STUDY ISSUES PRIORITY RANKING AND CALENDAR

Each year, the Sunnyvale City Council holds a day-long workshop to set priorities for the coming calendar year. At the workshop, Council reviews study issues, which are topics that Council, boards and commissions, or City staff have proposed for future study, and decides whether to drop, defer or rank each issue. A priorities list generated at the workshop shows the ranking given by Council to each new issue. Based on these rankings, and available department resources, a tentative Council meeting agenda

calendar is prepared for that year. However, not every ranked item will make it onto the tentative agenda calendar. Each City department establishes its own ranking cutoff point, below which new issues can not be addressed due to workload demands and other factors. Those items falling “below the line” are considered deferred and will automatically be brought back to Council for consideration at the 2011 Study Issues Workshop next January. For example, a department may be able to take on two study issues in a particular year, and any

issue ranked third or lower would be automatically deferred. The dates for “above the line” study issues are scheduled on the 2010 Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar and are listed in the table below. Work on the studies will commence in the order in which they are ranked. However, since some studies require fewer staff hours, or require less time to process, they may not be completed in the order in which they are ranked. For more information on the study issues process visit *StudyIssues.inSunnyvale.com*.

DEPARTMENT	FINAL COUNCIL DATE*	COUNCIL RANK	NUMBER	TITLE
Office of the City Attorney	May 11	1	OCA 09-01	Consideration of Directly-Elected Mayor
	October 12	2	OCA 10-01	Publicly Funded Campaign Financing and Consider Moving From Odd-Year Elections to Even-Year Elections
Office of the City Manager	March 23	2	OCM 10-03	Council Subcommittee for Board and Commission Bylaw Amendments
	May 11	3	OCM 10-01	Process for Appointing Interim Councilmembers
	September 14	1	OCM 10-04	Civic Center Buildings: Renovate, Replace, or Relocate?
Community Development	September 28	1	CDD 09-02	Requiring Dual Plumbing for Future Developments for Reclaimed Water
	October 12	3	CDD 09-01	Centralized Trash Enclosure Requirements for Attached Housing
	November 16	4	CDD 09-03	Increasing Minimum Dimensions for Usable Open Space
	December 7	5	CDD 10-01	Secondary Signage
	July 12, 2011	2	CDD 10-06	Toolkit for Commercial/Residential Mixed Use Development
Community Services	June 14, 2011	1	DCS 09-01	Explore Opportunities to Develop a Community Theatre Based in Downtown Sunnyvale
Finance	March 9	1	FIN 10-02	Pension Reform
Public Safety	September 14	1	DPS 10-01	Photo Red Light Enforcement
Public Works	April 27	2	DPW 09-10	Explore Development of a Sustainability Commission Advisory to Council, or Sustainability Committee Advisory to Staff
	October 26	5	DPW 10-04	Establishment of Guided Bicycle Routes Through Neighborhoods
	November 16	4	DPW 09-09	Banning the Use of Plastic Grocery Bags Throughout the City
	March 22, 2011	1	DPW 10-09	Reliable Electrical Power Options
	July 26, 2011	3	DPW 09-01	Comprehensive School Traffic Study (Combined SIs School TDM Opportunities & School Zone Traffic Controls and Enforcement)

\*Please note that these are tentative dates and therefore, subject to change; please review the Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar (TCMAC) for an updated schedule of Council meetings. The TCMAC can be found at *CouncilMeetings.inSunnyvale.com*.

# SUNNYVALE OPENS COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Each year, the City of Sunnyvale honors exceptional members of the Sunnyvale Community. The City has opened nominations for this year’s awards, which will be presented at the mayor’s State of the City celebration, Sunday, July 4, at Washington Park. This year’s prestigious awards categories include: Distinguished Resident of the Year; Outstanding High School Senior; Outstanding Community Volunteer; Outstanding Businessperson; Outstanding Educator; Outstanding Environmental Achievement and Outstanding Contribution to the Arts. Community Award Nomination Forms are available for download at *StateoftheCity.inSunnyvale.com*. Following the nomination period, which closes Friday, May 7, at 5 p.m., a committee chosen by Sunnyvale Mayor Melinda Hamilton will select the award recipients. A permanent display for the annual Community Award winners has been installed outside the doors leading into Council Chambers. In addition, the permanent Distinguished Citizen of the Year award plaque has been relocated from the One-Stop lobby to the Community Awards display cabinet. For more information, contact the Sunnyvale Community Resources Division at (408) 730-7599, TDD (408) 730-7501.

# APPLY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Sunnyvale is now accepting applications for the Neighborhood Grant Program, to fund neighborhood projects and events, which are planned and carried out by neighborhood associations, mobile home park residents' associations and neighborhood groups within Sunnyvale.

The program offers grants of up to \$1,000 per association or group, in one of four categories:

- Increasing communication among neighbors
- Building bridges between cultural groups
- Improving the physical condition of the neighborhood
- Enhancing neighborhood pride and identity

Creative ideas for projects and events are encouraged. Grant fund can be used for start-up funds for neighborhood association newsletters or directories, clean-up and beautification activities, block parties and cultural awareness events. Although the program is open to all neighborhood groups,

approval priority is given to registered Sunnyvale neighborhood associations, mobile home park resident associations and neighborhood groups currently applying to become a registered Sunnyvale neighborhood association.

Neighborhood Grant Program applications are currently being accepted for projects and events to be completed during the 2010/11 fiscal year (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 21, at 5 p.m.

To download an application or get more information about the Neighborhood Grant Program, visit [Neighborhoods.inSunnyvale.com](http://Neighborhoods.inSunnyvale.com) or contact Community Resources at (408) 730-7599, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

## FREE SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS AT THE SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The City of Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), will present free business resource workshops at the Sunnyvale Public Library this summer.

Additional information will be available online at [www.sunnyvale-econdev.com](http://www.sunnyvale-econdev.com) in May and by contacting Economic Development staff (408) at 730-7607 or e-mail [econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

## SUNNYVALE IS THE PLACE TO SHOP THIS SPRING

Did you know that there are more than 40 shopping centers in Sunnyvale? Every time you shop Sunnyvale you help support our local economy and help the City of Sunnyvale maintain our parks, public safety, Library and other local services.

Visit our online shopping center directory at [Shop.inSunnyvale.com](http://Shop.inSunnyvale.com) for a listing of all services within the City's shopping centers.

For more information, contact Economic Development Division at (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail [econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).



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# SUNNYVALE'S NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT ACTION TEAM (NEAT) OFF TO A GREAT START

NEAT brings together City staff, residents, businesses, property owners and neighborhood groups to identify and resolve issues in targeted neighborhoods.

The current NEAT target area is located in the northern SNAIL/Columbia neighborhood and was launched in the fall of 2009. Through public outreach, surveys and neighborhood meetings, several neighborhood problems and issues were identified. NEAT and the SNAIL/Columbia community are moving full speed ahead to address and resolve the following issues: inadequate street lighting; vehicles stored for long periods of time on

the street; sidewalk and crosswalk safety; property maintenance (e.g. weeds, junk and debris stored in public view); safety in Columbia Park; vehicle violations; bicycle safety and litter.

This spring, NEAT will launch its second improvement project. The project area will be in the Helen Avenue and Tamarack Lane area of the Ponderosa Park neighborhood.

To report quality of life issues to NEAT or to request a visit to your neighborhood, please call: (408) 245-NEAT (6328). For more information you may also contact Dale Huber, Senior Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, Department of Public Safety, at (408) 730-7614 or e-mail [NEAT@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:NEAT@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) ☎

# SUNNYVALE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF EARTH DAY

Earth Day turns 40 this year, and Sunnyvale is celebrating in style. Join in the community fun and bring your family and friends to Plaza del Sol in downtown Sunnyvale Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for live music, great exhibits, a plaza parade and fashion show. Kids will enjoy face painting, crafts, and the fabulous ZunZun, who celebrates the environment and culture through music.

Saturday, April 24  
Plaza del Sol  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The event will feature a "MedDrop," where you can safely dispose of expired medications, as well as a mercury thermometer exchange. Bring your own lunch, shop at the Farmers' Market or eat at one of the many restaurants in downtown Sunnyvale. But however you



choose to enjoy the day, considering walking, biking or using the convenient nearby public transportation to get to Plaza del Sol. Plaza del Sol is located at 200 W. Evelyn Ave. in downtown Sunnyvale. For more details, see Earth Day at [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org). To learn more about the event or to find out how your group can participate, call Dorlene Russell at (408) 730-7278 or Jackie Besoyan (408) 730-7717. ☎



# CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Visit the Sunnyvale Public Library during the week of April 11 and help Sunnyvale celebrate National Library Week. This year's theme is "Communities Thrive @ your Library," reminding us that libraries play a vital role in the community, providing resources for education, self-help, relaxation and lifelong learning. This year, the Sunnyvale Public Library has much to be proud of, including a state-of-the-art materials handling system, a new technology center and a one-stop customer service desk, all designed to make your library experience more convenient and satisfying.

There are many activities planned for National Library Week. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in some of the following:

- Take a behind the scenes tour showcasing the new materials handling system. Find out what happens to books and other

materials after you place them in the return slot.

- Talk to board members about how important the Library is to you. Tell them about your favorite book and grab a cookie.
- Have your preschooler attend a story time with a local celebrity. Your child will enjoy hearing a story read by a policeman, a firefighter and other local dignitaries.
- Attend our 21st Annual Storytelling Festival on Saturday, April 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a variety of stories told by professional and amateur storytellers of all ages. Listen to just a few stories or stay for the entire afternoon.

For information about National Library Week activities, call (408) 730-7300, option 5, or check our Web site at [www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org).

# GET LIBRARY MATERIALS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOORSTEP

Sunnyvale Outreach Services, or SOS, is a service provided by the Sunnyvale Public Library to deliver books and other materials to homebound residents.

Many senior citizens take advantage of this program, but other groups, such as those who are bedridden or people who are homebound due to a temporary disability use it as well. Currently, the SOS program serves more than 50 individuals and six facilities in Sunnyvale with more than 350 library materials circulating through this program each month.

Every month participants can look forward to receiving a selection of books, audiobooks, large print books, picture books, music CDs or non-feature DVDs. Library staff contacts the participant to discuss reading, listening and viewing preferences. A member of the staff or a volunteer is then assigned to select materials based on those preferences. To meet the needs of an increasingly diverse population, the SOS program also has two volunteers who are fluent in Chinese and Spanish.

Brochures describing the program are now available in English, Chinese, Spanish and Russian, and a brochure will soon be available in Hindi. To register for the program, or to have a brochure e-mailed to you or your organization, contact SOS Coordinator Joan Jackson, at (408) 730-7818. Don't let physical restrictions limit your educational and recreational pursuits. Let the Library come to you.

# FIND THE INFORMATION YOU NEED WITH LIBRARY DATABASES

The Sunnyvale Public Library's collection databases are an easy way to access a large amount of related material, searchable in many different ways.

With just a few clicks of the mouse, you have access to dependable, authoritative information, all for free. Available from home or within the Library, the databases give you not only access to magazine and newspapers articles on thousands of topics, but also detailed business reports, the latest research on health issues, and more. Three of these amazing databases are highlighted below.

## Newspaper Source Plus

Search 1,750 newspapers from the United States and countries around the world. Not only can you find information on a myriad of subjects, you also have access to a dictionary and an image collection. And, you have the choice of searching all 1,750 newspapers at once or limiting your search to just a few. The database is great for researching hot topics, finding business information, planning trips, reading about people and much more. Spend some time exploring this comprehensive database; you will be fascinated.

## Consumer Health Complete

Don't miss this one-stop source of health information. This graphical database includes evidenced-based reports, clinical trials, videos and animations, drug and herb information, contact information

for various health associations and alternative sources. Try a search for a medical condition, such as leukemia, breast cancer, arthritis or heart disease. You could spend hours sorting through all the information, or stop after reading one easy-to-understand article. Whether you are looking for just basic information or want to delve deeply into your topic, this database is for you.

## Business Source Complete

A wealth of business information awaits you, including business videos from the Harvard Faculty Seminar series, company profiles published by Datamonitor, industry profiles, market research and general business news. Are you thinking of doing some investing, or starting a small business? How about offering some leadership training to your staff? This is the place to begin. To access this comprehensive database, click on "Business Searching Interface" on the database page.

To access all of the Library's databases, go to [www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org). Click on *Research Online* in the left panel, then on the next page, click on databases. You will be asked to enter your library card number. You are now ready to explore all that the databases have to offer.



# LIFEGUARDS, POOL MANAGERS AND SWIM INSTRUCTORS WANTED

**L**ifeguard, swim instructor, and pool manager positions are available in the City of Sunnyvale's aquatics program. This program involves teaching swimming and water safety skills to participants ranging in age from 6 months old to adult. In addition, this program provides daily recreational swimming to members of the community at the City's five pools.

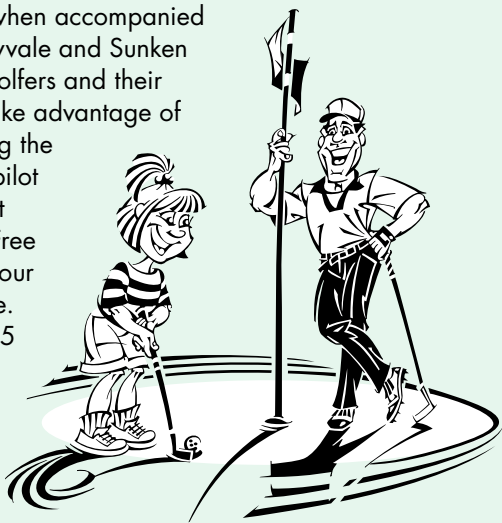
**June 14 – August 20,  
Monday – Sunday  
\$9 – \$13 an hour, DOE**

The lifeguard and swim instructor positions require knowledge of aquatics and swim instruction, as well as valid certifications in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. An American Red Cross Water Safety Instruction (WSI) certification is highly desirable. Pool managers need to fulfill the above requirements, as well as have experience in staff management.

Interested applicants should call (408) 730-7723. Applications are available online at [Jobs.inSunnyvale.com](http://Jobs.inSunnyvale.com). All applicants must be at least 16 years of age, and should be able to pass a drug and TB test as well as a DMV background check and fingerprint screening prior to employment. Training for the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, CPR and WSI certifications can be obtained through the City of Sunnyvale. For information on American Red Cross classes, call (408) 730-7723, TDD (408) 730-7501. 🌱

## GOLF DIVISION ANNOUNCES “KIDS PLAY FREE” PROGRAM

The Department of Community Services Golf Division is pleased to announce the Kids Play Free program, designed to promote optimum golf play in Sunnyvale and to grow our next generation of golfers. This program will provide each junior golfer, aged 16 and under, with no-cost green fees when accompanied by a paying adult at both Sunnyvale and Sunken Gardens Golf Courses. Junior golfers and their adult sponsors will be able to take advantage of this promotion at any time during the week, with no restrictions. This pilot program will run through August 31. Staff is confident Kids Play Free will be successful in expanding our customer base for years to come. Call Sunnyvale Golf Course, 605 Macara Ave, at (408) 738-3666 or Sunken Gardens Golf Course, 1010 S. Wolfe Road, at (408) 739-6588, for reservations.



## SENIOR TRIPS

**F**or more information about Senior Trips, call, (408) 730-7360, or visit [Seniors.inSunnyvale.com](http://Seniors.inSunnyvale.com). All trips are escorted and depart from the Senior Center. Extended trips also include a professional tour director and roundtrip transportation.

**Oregon Trails**, June 10 – 15. Featuring the Portland Rose Festival, Portland, Mount St. Helens' Volcanic National Monument and the Johnston Ridge Observatory, Oregon's scenic Pacific Coast, Multnomah Falls and a Columbia River Gorge cruise. This six-day trip includes eight meals, gratuities, and trip cancellation insurance. Price is \$1,867 per person, double occupancy, or \$2,367 single occupancy.

**Cape Cod**, August 15 – 22. Featuring Boston, Martha's Vineyard, Newport, Hyannis, Provincetown, Plymouth and Sandwich. This eight-day trip includes 11 meals, gratuities, and trip cancellation insurance. Price is \$2,799 per person, double occupancy, or \$3,399 single occupancy.

**New York City**, Early October. Featuring a five-night stay in mid-town Manhattan; two Broadway shows; Metropolitan Opera tour and show; city tour including, famous attractions and landmarks, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This six-day trip includes nine meals, gratuities, and trip insurance. Price is \$3,376 per person, double occupancy, or \$4,476 single occupancy. 🌱

## SUMMER CAMPS

Summer is around the corner. What will your kids be doing? The City of Sunnyvale has more than 35 camps from which to choose, including general recreation, performing and visual arts, science and engineering, sports and field trips. To view the new summer camps, visit [Recreation.inSunnyvale.com](http://Recreation.inSunnyvale.com).





# 25 YEARS OF HANDS ON THE ARTS

Children will have an opportunity to work with dozens of local professional artists at Sunnyvale's 25th annual Hands on the Arts festival,

Saturday, May 15. Participation in this day-long festival is \$10 per child, and includes all supplies for a full day of fun, hands-on workshops giving children in kindergarten through eighth grade an opportunity



to explore a variety of art methods and genres. Simpler projects for ages two to four are also included. Admission for parents and siblings not participating in the festival is free and includes all-day live entertainment, a food court and free parking.

For more information, call (408) 730-7350, TDD (408) 730-7501, or visit [HandsOnTheArts.inSunnyvale.com](http://HandsOnTheArts.inSunnyvale.com). The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and connect with your community. It's also an activity that you can do with your friends. If you would like to volunteer at this year's event, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenni Wong, at [jwong@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:jwong@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) or visit [Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com](http://Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com) and click on Hands on the Arts in the upper-left corner. ☼

## HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR RETURNS TO COLUMBIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bring the family to the City of Sunnyvale's annual Health & Safety Fair for an afternoon of fun activities and entertainment. Sunnyvale is once again teaming up with local groups to inform residents about health and safety services in the community. Admission is free and takes place Saturday, May 22, at Columbia Middle School, 739 Morse Ave., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free activities planned include bike safety inspections and skills course, performances by Perfection on Wheels Stunt Team, health screenings for adults; including diabetes, cholesterol, and hearing,

vision, nutrition information for the entire family, live entertainment, car seat safety inspections, talks on childhood developmental stages and intervention services for children with special needs and a community wellness walk.

The City is currently recruiting volunteers to help make the event a success. If you or your group are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Volunteer Resources at (408) 730-7533. Your time and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

For more information about the Fair, contact Alicia Gonzales, (408) 523-8150. ☼

## SPRING 2010 PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

**Raising a Bi-Cultural/Bi-Lingual Child (Spanish)**  
**APRIL 14, 6:30 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

LOCATION: COLUMBIA MIDDLE SCHOOL, 739 MORSE AVE.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker Alicia Becerra Mendoza will conduct this workshop in Spanish and will discuss the unique experience of growing up in a bicultural environment and strategies for enhancing children's developmental process and language acquisition.

### Sibling Rivalry

**MAY 12, 6:30 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

LOCATION: SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PROGRAM ROOM, 665 W. OLIVE AVE.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker Alicia Becerra Mendoza will speak on the issues and challenges that surround sibling rivalry as well as offer tips for coping with and handling sibling tension in the home. Steps for addressing and resolving sibling conflicts will be discussed as well as ways parents can foster strong and positive sibling relationships throughout various developmental stages.

Child care is not available for these workshops, but children may attend with a parent, if needed. To register, call (408) 523-8150 or e-mail [childcareresources@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:childcareresources@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

## COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT PROGRAM – NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Is your organization planning a special event in Sunnyvale? The Sunnyvale Community Event Grant Program provides funding support for nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations holding community events open to the general public in Sunnyvale. The City is now accepting applications for \$20,000 in available grant funds. Applications for grant funding will be reviewed by a committee of City staff, which will make recommendations to the city manager before final approval is given by City Council.

Applications and program guidelines can be found online at [EventGrants.inSunnyvale.com](http://EventGrants.inSunnyvale.com). Printed applications are also available from Community Resources at City Hall South Annex, 603 All America Way. Applications are due Friday, May 28, by 5 p.m. Grant funds are subject to City Council approval of the 2010/11 budget. If approved, grant announcements will be made in July. For more information, contact Community Resources at (408) 730-7599, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☼

# DPS SAVES A LIFE WITH THE AED

**O**n January 22 Sunnyvale Fire Engine 30 responded to a report of an 80-year-old woman who possibly was having a stroke. Upon their arrival, Public Safety Officers Carl Ella and Michael Lecy contacted the patient who was conscious and breathing. After the arrival of American Medical Response (AMR) paramedics, the patient was being assisted onto the gurney when she lost consciousness.

A check revealed that she had no pulse and was not breathing, so the

rescuers began CPR. An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) was applied to the patient and she was given a single shock. A pulse was detected. Within moments, the patient began to breathe on her own and was transported to the hospital.

AMR paramedics reported that by the time they left the hospital, the patient was alert and talking, due to the efforts provided by the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and medics using the AED.

Annually approximately 220,000 to 300,000 people in the United States die from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), a sudden disruption of the electrical system of the heart rendering it unable to effectively pump blood. Based on these statistics, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a very important service provided by Public Safety. In an effort to combat SCA, training in the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) has been a priority for the department.

During last fiscal year 2008/09, Public Safety responded to 5,188 EMS related events of which the AED was used 64 times. Of these 64 uses, 11 of these patients had a shock-able heart rhythm in which the AED advised Public Safety personnel to administer a shock(s). Consequently, 8 patients had a return of spontaneous circulation and of these patients 3 were later discharged from the hospital able to return home.

Public Safety's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response to cardiac related events includes three components:

1. Emergency Medical Dispatch – provides early triage of the required resource needs during an event. Dispatchers ensure that clear,

concise instructions are given to the 9-1-1 caller so that bystander CPR instruction can be given.

2. CPR – all DPS personnel are trained to the American Heart Association standard and this training is refreshed every two years as required by the Santa Clara County EMS Agency.
3. AED – All DPS sworn personnel are trained in the use of the AED, CPR/AED cases are augmented by a 2 patrol officer response. The additional personnel on scene provides the responding fire engine crew additional resources during these critical events in order to maintain an, perform chest compressions, use a suction device and operate the AED. In addition, the patrol officers are often the first arriving unit with an AED and emergency medical equipment.

Currently, there are 95 AED's deployed throughout the City of Sunnyvale. Units are located as follows:

- 14 Fire Engines
- 38 Patrol Vehicles
- 15 (DPS HQ, Fire Prevention, Traffic Units, Special Operations Vehicles)
- 28 City Buildings (including 5 public pool sites)

Over the years, AED costs have declined. Now, for approximately \$2,500 an AED can be placed into service. Recently, the City was fortunate to receive a donation from "eSilicon". With this donation, DPS is purchasing two new AED's. Future AED deployment sites may include public schools, large corporate offices, and the new Downtown project. 🌱



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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**T**he City's Volunteer Resources Program, provides opportunities for community members to fill an important role, assisting City staff in providing services to the community. Volunteer assignments include assisting with special events, working in youth and senior programs, helping with environmental programs and assisting with public safety.

The following opportunities are currently available through the Volunteer Resources Program:

### Community Kidz Camp

Assist with supervision of camp participants, ages 7 to 12, in a variety of creative activities. The spring camp session is scheduled for April 12 – 16.

### Hands on the Arts

Help with the day-long multi-cultural arts festival for children in grades K – 6 to be held on May 15.

### Health & Safety Fair

A fun-filled day that promotes health, wellness, safety and community service in Sunnyvale, scheduled for May 22.

### Committees, Boards and Commissions

Current vacancies include: Child-care Staff Advisory Committee, Board of Building Code Appeals, Board of Library Trustees, Heritage Preservation Commission and Housing and Human Services Commission.

If you are interested in volunteering with the City, contact the Volunteer Resources Program at (408)730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail [VolunteerResources@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:VolunteerResources@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). Visit [Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com](http://Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com) to view a complete list of current volunteer opportunities. The Volunteer Resources Program is now located in the Human Resources Department office, 500 W. Olive Ave., Suite 200. 🌱



# CITY OF SUNNYVALE 2010-2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the City to adopt a five-year Consolidated Plan that identifies its priority housing and community development needs, and sets forth a strategy to address these needs using HUD funds and other resources. HUD funds must be used to benefit lower-income and/or special-needs households by providing affordable housing and other community development projects and/or services.

The City's Draft Consolidated Plan is available now for public review online at [Housing.inSunnyvale.com](http://Housing.inSunnyvale.com), or in person at Sunnyvale City Hall. Written comments may be submitted through April 30 to: City of Sunnyvale Housing Division, Attn: Katrina Ardina, P.O. Box 3707, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707. The Sunnyvale City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the draft plan in May 2010.

### New First Time Home Buyer Loan Program

The City is offering down payment loans of up to \$50,000 to low- and moderate-income

households for the purchase of a market-rate home in Sunnyvale. Applications are available online at [Housing.inSunnyvale.com](http://Housing.inSunnyvale.com) or in person at Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. For more information, call Housing Programs Technician Rachel DeBord at (408) 730-7456, or e-mail [rdebord@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:rdebord@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

### Below Market Rate Rental Housing Program

Sunnyvale provides a variety of affordable housing programs for lower-income households. One of these is the Below Market Rate Rental Housing Program, which requires certain apartment complexes in Sunnyvale to lease a percentage of their apartments at rents affordable to lower income households. For more information, call Housing Programs Technician Rachel DeBord at (408) 730-7456, or e-mail [rdebord@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:rdebord@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

### Housing Rehabilitation Program

The City's Housing Rehabilitation Program offers various home-improvement loans and grants for low-income Sunnyvale residents. The loans or grants allow eligible


## FIRST TIME HOME BUYER LOANS

FROM THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE

If you live or work in Sunnyvale and have low to moderate income you may be eligible for a down payment loan of up to \$50,000 to buy a home in Sunnyvale.

Call the Sunnyvale Housing Division at 408-730-7250 for more information. TDD (408) 730-7501.

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homeowners or tenants to make accessibility (ADA) improvements, paint the exterior of their homes, improve energy efficiency, and make general or emergency repairs.

For more information, call Housing Rehabilitation Specialist Richard Gutierrez, at (408) 730-7459 or e-mail [rgutierrez@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:rgutierrez@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

### For More Information

Applications for these and other programs offered by the City's Housing Division are available online at [Housing.inSunnyvale.com](http://Housing.inSunnyvale.com) or in person at Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.

To stay up to date on housing issues, you can now sign up to receive monthly e-newsletters from the Sunnyvale Housing Division. As a subscriber, you will receive information about Housing Division programs, projects and meeting notices for the Housing and Human Services Commission meetings. Visit [Housing.inSunnyvale.com](http://Housing.inSunnyvale.com) and follow the links to Subscribe. Select *Housing Information and Commission Meeting Agendas* when creating a new account or modifying an existing account. ☺

## NEW FENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

New regulations are now in effect for residential fences. These changes came from common requests from residents, and are intended to streamline permitting and clarify requirements. Below is a brief summary of the new zoning regulations.

- Fence Height: Many new fences are now allowed without having to obtain City approval. For example, back yard fences can be up to eight feet in height without needing a permit from Planning (fences over six feet still need a building permit). New fences above a certain height will still need a planning permit, and the requirements vary based on location in the front, side or rear yard.
- Chain Link: New chain link fences are no longer allowed in the front yards of residential properties (note that properties on corner lots have two front yards). City staff completed a survey of all

residential properties within the city and determined which properties have existing legal non-conforming chain link fences. Those chain link fences permitted and built prior to January 1, 2010 are allowed to remain. New front yard chain link fences, however, are prohibited.

As with any exterior property improvement, residents should discuss their plans with neighbors before constructing a new or replacement fence or, if required, before submitting plans to the City for a permit.

For more information regarding existing fences, contact Neighborhood Preservation at (408) 730-7610 or e-mail [np@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:np@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). For new fence permit requirements, contact the Planning Division at (408) 730-7444 or e-mail [planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

Fences, and other planning and zoning information can be found on the City's Web site: [www.SunnyvalePlanning.com](http://www.SunnyvalePlanning.com). ☺

## NEW SUNNYVALE GREEN BUSINESSES

Seven Sunnyvale businesses have achieved Green Business certification this past year through the Bay Area Green Business Program. To be certified, businesses must operate in an environmentally-responsible manner, and meet or exceed standards for conserving natural resources, preventing pollution and minimizing solid waste.

What do these Green Businesses have in common? They value our environment as well as the bottom line. Through easy measures, such as recycling, switching to energy-efficient equipment and lighting, and conserving water, these Sunnyvale businesses help protect our natural resources and save money. A complete list of Sunnyvale's many Green Businesses can be found at [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org).

### Congratulations to Sunnyvale's new Green Businesses

■ Akraya	■ EarthBaby
■ Cepheid	■ NOCA Dental Office
■ International Culinary School at the Art Institute of California-Sunnyvale	■ Norland Group
	■ Oakmead Printing

This program is sponsored by Santa Clara County and Cities. Interested in becoming a Green Business? Contact the county at (408) 281-3180 or visit [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org).

# CLEAN CAR, CLEANER BAY

Water from washing cars not only contains dirt and soap, but also oil, grease and metals such as copper, nickel and zinc. These materials can be toxic to fish, birds and other wildlife that live in local creeks and San Francisco Bay.

When you wash your car on your paved driveway or street, the wash

water flows into storm drains and goes straight into local creeks and the Bay. Unlike water from inside your home that flows through sanitary sewers to the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant, water that enters storm drains is not cleaned, filtered or treated to remove pollutants.

## Here's What You Can Do

Using a commercial car wash is the best way to protect local creeks and the Bay from pollution. Commercial car washes drain wash water to local wastewater treatment facilities that remove pollutants. Commercial car washes also use less water than you would be likely to use at home, and they often recycle their wash water.

If you must wash your car at home, follow these guidelines

Wash your car on a grassy area, gravel driveway, or any unpaved surface where soapy water will not run into a street or storm drain. Use rags to wipe brake dust off of wheels before washing. Use a nozzle on your hose to conserve water. Avoid using soap and other chemicals (such as spray-on cleaners). Even biodegradable soap can be toxic to wildlife. Pour your bucket of wash water onto landscaping or down the sink when you're done.

To learn more about how you can help prevent water pollution when washing your car or to receive a Watershed Watch Discount Card for discounted car washes, call the City of Sunnyvale's Environmental Outreach division at (408) 730-7717, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail [wpcp@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:wpcp@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). ☻

## EXTRA DUMPING WEEKENDS FOR RESIDENTS

**SMART STATION®, 301 CARL ROAD  
APRIL 10 AND 11, APRIL 24 AND 25  
8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

Sunnyvale residents may dump extra household trash at the Sunnyvale SMaRT Station® as part of the ChoiceCollect garbage collection program. During the four days of this special dumping event, the normal dumping fees are waived.

This is a popular event, so participants may have to wait to unload. Proof of residency is required at the station's scale house. Acceptable proof of residency includes driver's license or photo ID with a Sunnyvale address or a driver's license (non-Sunnyvale address) plus a 2009 PG&E, telephone, cable or City of Sunnyvale utility bill showing a name matching the driver's license.

The guidelines include, vehicles up to one-ton load capacity will be admitted, put electronic products in a separate box not mixed with other items, up to four TVs, monitors, tires per load, asphalt, concrete, dirt and sod require special handling. No hazardous materials will be accepted.

Residents who want to recycle at the Recycling Center or Buy-back area will be given separate access to the area.

For more information, contact the Sunnyvale Recycling Program (408) 730-7262 or the SMaRT Station at (408) 752-8530., TDD (408) 730-7501.

## CAN ANYONE ELSE USE IT? THINK BEFORE YOU TOSS

Wait. Before you toss that old thing in the trash, where it will be destined for a landfill, consider that many household items can find a second home. Organizations such as Goodwill, the Salvation Army, Whole House Building Supply and others can help your old stuff find a new home. A list of organizations that accept donations of household goods is available online at [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org). Or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sunnyvalefree> to learn about "freecycling," which can help connect you directly with people looking to give your unwanted goods a new home.

For more information about donating household goods, contact the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

## CONVENIENT ON-CALL COLLECTION FOR OCCASIONAL "EXTRA" GARBAGE

There is no need to rush around getting ready for spring clean-up. Now the City and its service provider, Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling, have year-round curbside collection for unwanted household goods. Sunnyvale residents living in single family, duplex, triplex and mobile homes have access to this on-call collection service.

The on-call service is designed for times when a resident has unwanted household goods to be collected that won't fit in the garbage cart. This program, called ChoiceCollect On-call Service, replaces the

curbside collections formerly held each spring and fall. Do not set items at curbside without calling for an appointment; and note that no-charge extra dumping is still available at the SMaRT Station® (see article \_\_\_\_\_).

Up to two cubic yards of non-hazardous household trash or yard material, plus two bulky items, may be put at curbside for each on-call appointment. Two on-call pickups are allowed each year per resident account.

To schedule a curbside pickup, call Utility Customer Service, (408) 730-7400, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Complete guidelines are available online [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org). ☻



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# KEEP CONSERVING WATER

It may be raining, but that doesn't mean we should stop conserving water. The City of Sunnyvale, in cooperation with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), continues to encourage businesses and residents to reduce their water consumption.

Summer isn't the only time of year when conservation matters. California is still in a drought and it could persist for a fourth year. As a result, we need to continue to meet our water reduction goals by saving 20 gallons a day, every day, throughout the winter. Reducing water usage during the wet winter months is easier than you think because landscape watering needs are significantly lower.

Residents and businesses of Sunnyvale can take advantage of more than 20 programs and

services to help, including Water-Wise House Calls, landscaping audits and rebates for various water saving devices. In addition to possibly lowering your water bill, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you're using a precious resource efficiently. Less water down the drain also means helping to protect the bay's salt marsh habitat and its endangered species.

Sunnyvale residents and businesses are eligible for a free Water-Wise water use survey from the SCVWD that helps identify opportunities where you can conserve. Conducting a survey involves calculating water use, teaching you to read your water meter, surveying the irrigation system, and showing you simple ways to save water both in and outside your home or business.

Things to expect during a Water-Wise House Call include: replacing leaking toilet flapper valves if needed; measuring your showerhead flow rates and installing free showerheads, measuring faucet flow rates and provide faucet aerators for kitchens and bathrooms; evaluating the efficiency of your irrigation system and developing a personalized irrigation schedule; identifying irrigation leaks, broken or mismatched sprinkler heads, high water pressure and other common problems and developing a prioritized list of how you can start using water as efficiently as possible and help meet the 10 percent water savings goal.

For more information or to schedule your Water-Wise survey, call (800) 548-1882 or visit [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org).



# CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 17

The 2010 Citywide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 17. If you're a Sunnyvale resident and want to hold a sale, you may register online and become part of the searchable data base. Online registration closes April 9; there is no fee to register.

Hold a garage sale for your household, with your neighbors, or as a fund-raiser for your favorite cause.

Citywide garage sale was first

held in 1992 as an Earth Day awareness event to promote the importance of keeping household goods out of the landfill by selling or donating items still in useable condition.

For more information about the sale, including tips about how to hold a successful sale, contact the Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501, or visit [GarageSales.inSunnyvale.com](http://GarageSales.inSunnyvale.com).

# KEEP CLEAN WITHOUT ANTIBACTERIAL PRODUCTS

More than 700 home products contain antibacterial chemicals and are found in everything from soaps, toothpaste, clothes and toys, to kitchenware, bedding and bath products. The most common chemical used in antibacterial products is Triclosan, a registered pesticide.

## Human Health and Environmental Concerns

As a result of overuse, Triclosan and other antibacterial chemicals have been found in bodies of water including the San Francisco Bay. Studies show antibacterial products may be a cause for concern. Normal wastewater treatment cannot remove Triclosan, and large quantities are continuously discharged into waterways which may harm plants, fish and wildlife. Overexposure to Triclosan may allow bacterium to become resistant to antibacterial

agents, making them these drugs useless to hospitals as an important sanitary tool.

## Alternatives to Triclosan – What You Can Do

Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Regular soaps work well and are just as effective but without the side effects. Lather hands for at least 15 – 20 seconds and rinse in warm water. Wash children's hands and toys regularly. Read the label – if it contains Triclosan, use an alternative product.

Products that do not contain Triclosan include pure glycerin, castile or vegetable-based soap, and hand-sanitizing gels with an alcohol or peroxide base.

To learn more about how you can help prevent water pollution and how to find alternative products, visit [wpcp.sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://wpcp.sunnyvale.ca.gov) or call Environmental Outreach at (408) 730-7717, TDD (408) 730-7501.

# HELP KEEP SUNNYVALE CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL — SPRING CLEANING

Everyone wants to live in a clean, healthy community. Help Sunnyvale meet that goal by joining City staff and community volunteers by participating in spring clean-up events:

## GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP

Kick off Earth Week events and join other community volunteers during the Great American Litter Pick-up, Saturday, April 17. Clean-up activities will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon.

## NATIONAL RIVER CLEAN UP DAY

Litter in our creeks is not only unsightly, it also impacts water quality and harms local wildlife. Help keep Sunnyvale and our local waterways clean by participating in National River Cleanup Day 2010, Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon.

National River Cleanup Day is sponsored by the Creek Connections Action Group, a consortium of public agencies and nonprofit organizations that share a common goal of protecting Santa Clara County's waterways. This year's event in Sunnyvale will focus on picking up litter and debris from the Sunnyvale East Channel and areas around Baylands Park.

This event is open to everyone; however it may not be suitable for young children. For both events, youth under the age of 18 must have parental approval and anyone age 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

To register or receive more information, call the City of Sunnyvale's Environmental Outreach division at (408) 730-7717, TDD (408) 730-7501, or send an e-mail to [wpcp@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:wpcp@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

Registered participants will receive additional instruction on the morning of the event. Gloves, pickup sticks, safety vests, trash and recycling bags will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, hats and bring sunscreen.

# SUSTAINABLE SUNNYVALE NEWSLETTER — SUBSCRIBE NOW!

Get the latest environmental news from Sunnyvale through an easy e-mail subscription. City staff with environmental responsibilities have developed Sustainable Sunnyvale a subscription-based, quarterly electronic newsletter.

The newsletter features a variety of topics, including recycling and waste reduction, pollution prevention, water conservation, Green Building practices, energy and upcoming events. If it has to do with Sustainability look to Sustainable Sunnyvale for answers.

To subscribe, go to [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org) and click on Subscribe. For more information, contact Karen Gissibl at (408) 730-7277, TDD (408) 730-7501.



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